IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

CRIMINAL NO. 97-071 (PG)

 ${\bf JOSE\ L.\ DIAZ\text{-}FONTANEZ},$

v.

Defendant.

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW the United States of America, by and through the undersigned attorney, respectfully states and prays as follows:

Assistant United States Attorney Jose A. Contreras has been assigned as lead counsel in this case for the United States of America.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter the appearance of Assistant United States Attorney Jose A. Contreras as lead counsel in this case for the United States of America.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 28th day of August, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 28th day of August, 2008, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all parties in this case.

s/José A. Contreras
José A. Contreras
Assistant United States Attorney